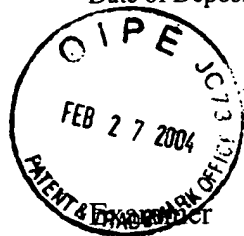


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

This is in response to the August 27, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. This application is being filed with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Accordingly, the deadline for Reply has been extended until February 27, 2004. No other fees are believed due in connection with this response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19904-001.

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